

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN THEREON, TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN AND FOR RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-08-0328

PROCEDURAL ORDER(

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 30, 2008, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC" or "Cooperative") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a rate increase.

On August 18, 2008, the Commission issued a Procedural Order that set this matter for hearing on April 21, 2009.

The Commission has determined that there is sufficient interest in this and related matters affecting the Cooperative that a Public Comment meeting in the local community where SSVEC provides service is warranted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a Public Comment Meeting in the above-captioned matter shall commence on February 11, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, at Buena High School Performing Arts Center, 5225 Buena School Boulevard, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if possible, SSVEC shall have the following notice published prior to the scheduled Public Comment meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in SSVEC's service area, in the following form and style with the heading in no less than 14 point bold type and the body in no less than 10-point regular type:

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING ON THE RATE APPLICATION OF SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DOCKET NO. E-01575A-08-0328

On June 30, 2008, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC" or "Cooperative") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an approximate 11.75 percent increase (\$10,881,590) in annual revenue over its current revenues. The hearing in this matter is scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. on April 21, 2009, at the Commission's offices, 400 W. Congress St., Room 222, Tucson, Arizona.

THE COMMISSION HAS SCHEDULED A PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING TO COMMENCE AT 6:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009, AT BUENA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 5225 BUENA SCHOOL BOULEVARD, SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA. This Public Comment meeting is for the purpose of taking comments on the rate application and other related issues affecting the Cooperative's operations.

In addition, the Commission will take public comments at the beginning of the hearing, and any written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. E-01575A-08-0328 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public_comment.pdf. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Shaylin Bernal, E-mail sbernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602/542-3931.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon receipt of this Procedural Order, the Cooperative shall post the Public Notice in its business office and at least three, (but in as many more as the Cooperative may feel would be helpful) other public locations in its service territory.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that SSVEC shall file an affidavit of publication¹ and notice that posting was accomplished as soon as practical after completion.

¹ The Commission is aware that given the timing of this Procedural Order, and publishing deadlines for the local newspapers, it may not be possible for SSVEC to have the notice published as directed. If after using its best efforts, SSVEC is unable to have the notice published, SSVEC shall file a notice to that effect in this docket, and should use its best efforts to inform its members of the Public Comment meeting.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive 2 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing. 3 DATED this _5th day of February, 2009. 4 5 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 7 8 Copies of the foregoing mailed this **I**th day of February, 2009 to: 10 Bradley S. Carroll Jeffrey W. Crockett 11 Snell & Wilmer LLP One Arizona Center 12 400 East Van Buren Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2202 13 Attorneys for SSVEC 14 Janice Alward, Chief Counsel LEGAL DIVISION 15 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington Street 16 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 17 Ernest Johnson, Director **Utilities Division** 18 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington Street 19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 Arizona Reporting Service, Inc. 2200 N. Central Avenue, Suite 502 21 Phoenix, Arizona 85004-1481 22 23 By: 24 Secretary to Jane Rodda 25 26 27

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